

Statement of Substance of Interview

Initially, Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Gee for conducting a telephone interview with Applicant's attorneys, Dale G. Mohlenhoff and Robert G. Hartman on August 8, 2008.

During the interview, Applicant's attorney presented arguments to overcome the §112 rejections and to discuss the allowable subject matter. Without conceding the propriety of the rejections, and in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicant's attorney also proposed possible amendments.

Applicant's attorney understood the Examiner to tentatively agree that the claims, amended as discussed during the interview to highlight aspects of the claimed invention, distinguish over the references of record. Applicant herein amends independent claims 1, 12 and 26 to highlight the noted features as discussed during the interview. Claims 9, 15, 16 and 33 are canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-6, 8, 10-14, 17-20 and 26-38 are believed to be allowable over the cited documents.